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### REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above Preliminary Amendment to place this U.S. Patent Application in better form for examination and prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims and to more definitely and fully claim the subject matter of Applicant's invention. Applicant urges that the above Preliminary Amendment introduces no new matter into this U.S. Patent Application.

Applicant sincerely believes that this U.S. Patent Application is now in condition for examination and prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas H. Pauley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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